THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Abdication*. And the 3 *Eſtates* fully Prov'd by the firſt *Statute*, 1 of *W.* and *M.*
2. The New *Word* among the *Whiggs*, of *Whiggs* for 3 *Deſcents*.
3. The *Objections* of the *Whiggs* againſt the *Revolution*.
4. Of the *Moderate Whiggs*.
5. The ſenſe of the *Whiggs*, particularly of the *Obſervator*, Concerning the late Great *Victory* in *Brabant*. With their *Reſpects* to the *D.* of *M.*
6. A Notable *Saying* of a *Whigg* upon that Occaſion.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 5th. 1706.

Country-man. YOU have Given the *Obſervator* too Hard a Task, *Maſter*, in your laſt. You have *Over-whelm'd* him. He'll not *Anſwer* one Word. You ſet him to Juſtify Mr. *Lock* againſt what you have ſaid *Num.* 38. And what you have ſaid concerning the *Voice* of the *People* in your *Num.* 53. 68 and 77. Alaſs! He'll ne'r ſet about it. But if you wou'd expect any thing from a *Towardly Lad*, you ſhou'd give him but a ſhort *Leſſon* at firſt, that he may have but one thing to think on at a time, and become Maſter of that.

Rehearſ. I told you, what *Anſwer* I expect from him. Therefore I have put it upon the whole *Party* to *Anſwer* me, or let their *Cauſe* be *Expos'd* to every one that can tell how many *Toes* and *Fingers* he has! But if Mr. *Obſervator* thinks it an *Honour* to him to be *Imploy'd*, I'll make his *Task* eaſier, and give him but *two Points* to *Anſwer* at Preſent. And let him take what *Help* he can Get.

(1.) The firſt is that of *Abdication*, which he has Contended was not the *Point* upon which the *Revolution* proceeded, but downright that of the *Depoſing* Doctrin. To this I have vouchſafed him an *Anſwer* in mine *Num.* 90. But now I give him only this one *Authority*, which I ſuppoſe he will not diſpute, that is, the firſt *Statute* made the *Firſt* of *William* and *Mary*, where he will find the Ground of the *Revolution*, and of the *Settlement* then made, Expreſs'd in theſe words, *And whereas the late King James the Second, having Abdicated the Government, and the Throne being thereby vacant*, &c.

The other Point is, That of the 3 *Eſtates*, on which the *Obſervator* has Beſtow'd ſo much Pains, and will have the *Crown* to be *One* of them. He will find in the ſame *Statute* the *Convention* Deſcrib'd thus, *Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, Aſſembl'd at Weſtminſter—— Repreſening all the Eſtates of the People of this Realm*, &c.

Here was no *King* or *Queen* in this *Convention*. Nor were they *Aſſembled* by the *Authority* of any *King* or *Queen* Yet Here were the three *Eſtates*. The *Lords Spiritual* the *firſt*, the *Lords Temporal* the *Second*, and the *Commons* the *Third*. And theſe are call'd the *Eſtates* of the *People*. Therefore the *King* was not Reckon'd as any of them. And they were 3 *Eſtates* without the *King*. If the *King* were *One* of the *Eſtates* of the *People* (as theſe men wou'd have him, to make him *Accountable* to the *People*) then here were not *All the Eſtates of the People*, contrary to what this *Statute* ſays.

Now if the *Obſervator*, and *Review* (who is likewiſe for Reducing the *Crown* to be *One* of the 3 *Eſtates*) and the *Party* they *Write* for, will pay no *Reſpect* to the Ancient *Statutes* and *Laws* I have Quoted, which ſet the *King* or *Queen* Above the 3 *Eſtates*, as their *Soveraign* and *Head*; And not upon the *Level* with them, as *One* of them, and a *Co-Ordinat* Power in *Joint-Tenure* with the other *Two*, that is, (as the *Rebels* who call'd themſelves a *Parliament* in the times of *Forty One* Explain'd it) the 2 *Houſes* of *Parliament*: I ſay, if our Modern *Whiggs*, will pay no *Regard* to our Former *Laws* and *Conſtitution*, yet let them be at leaſt *Civil* to this *firſt* Revolution *Act* of *Parliament*. Unleſs they are Reſolv'd to ſtand it out againſt the *Authority* of the *Revolution*, as of all former *Settlements* But then, Let them not Plead the *Revolution*, or *Revolution-Principles*, as on their ſide, and Pretend to *Juſtify* the *Revolution*!

(2.) *Country-m.* I have long obſerv'd them *Flurting* at the *Revolution*. And I knew not the meaning of it. And they have now of late got a *Word* among them, That they muſt *Purge* out all who have not been *Whiggs* for 3 *Deſcents*. Do they mean *Father*, *Son*, and *Grand-Son*?

Rehearſ. No, *Country-man*, by the *Deſcents* they mean the 3 *Reigns* before the *Revolution*, that is, the *Reigns* of K. *Char.* 1. and 2d, and K. *Jam.* 2. They are now for the *Whiggiſm* that then prevail'd. A *Stanch*, *Thorough*, *WHIGGISM*, that proceeds upon *True WHIGG Principles*, of *Power* in the *People*, not only to *DEPOSE Kings* or *Queens* but to *DE-COLLAT* and *DE-TRUNCAT* them, let their *Necks* be never ſo *White*! A *Marſton-Moor* or *Edge-Hill WHIGGISM*, for which the *Obſervator* has been *Furbiſhing* up his old *Guns* and *Muskets*. A *Dry* or *Wet-Martyrdom WHIGGISM*, as the *Review* has Recommended it. In ſhort, a 30th of *January WHIGGISM*, a *Rye Houſe WHIGGISM*, a *WHIGGISM* that can make *Loyal Addreſſes*, and take *God* to *Witneſs*, and all the while be *Cutting* your *Throat*, and *Glory* in it when they have Done! This is the *Whiggiſm*, and theſe are the *Deſcents* of it, they are now ſetting up. And whatever is not *Qualify'd*, by his full *Approbation* of theſe 3 *Deſcents*, is not for their Turn.

(3.)

(3.) *Country-m.* Now I see why they are not Pleas'd with what they call a *Revolution-Whiggism*. They think that is *Cramp'd*, and comes not up to the 3 *Descent Whiggism*. It is for *Monarchy*, and has made an *Hereditary Entail* of it too, which *De Foe* (as you have Quoted him *Num.* 25.) calls *Hereditary Slavery*, and an *Imposition* upon the *Rights* of the *People*. *Whose Right it is to make War, and even on the Prince himself, if he prove Tyrannical, or Oppressive.* These are his *Words*. And what Greater *Oppression* or *Tyranny*, in these Mens Esteem, than to *Impose* upon the *Rights* of the *People*, and to *Entail* an *Hereditary Slavery* upon them? *Therefore* (says he) *Actually and Positively, the People has the Right of Dominion.* And *though Original Freedom seems Asleep, it may be Reviv'd again.* With more to the same Purpose which you have Quoted. And now they are *Reviving* it, and have given it the *Mark* of the 3 *Descents*, which serves as a *Watch-Word* to the *Party*!

Rehearf. The *Revolution* can never Please Mr. *De Foe*. It keeps up the 30th of *January*, which has Drawn him into his *Wet* and *Dry Martyrdom* From which he can never *Extricat* himself, without Flying in the Face of the *Revolution*! Therefore he wou'd *Mend* the *Revolution*, that is, by a *New* and more *Perfect REVOLUTION*! A 3 *Descent REVOLUTION!* Wherein he might speak *Plainly*, and *own* his *Principles!* For while the *Revolution* stands as it is, he is in the *Snare*, and *Caught* every *Rebellious* Turn he takes! And cannot speak *Consistently* to *Himself*! It *Cramps* the *Liberty* of his *Tongue*, and the *Property* of his *Hands*, to be at the old *Trade* of *Plundering*, and *Sequestrations*! But when they have *Purg'd* out all but the 3 *Descent Men*, the *Work* will go *Merrily* on! And a *Hosier* has as good a *Title* to *Kings* or *Bishops Lands*, as a *Tailor*, or a *Cobler*! And he has more *Parts*, and *Merit* in the *Good old Cause* than some of them! These are *Sweet-Bits*, and worth taking a little *Pains* for!

(4.) *Country-m.* If they *Purge* out all but the 3 *Descent Men*, they'll lose a Great many of their *Party*. For I hope there are some *Moderate* Men among the *Whiggs*.

Rehearf. Yes, I doubt not but there are, *Country-man.* I know several Honest Good Natur'd Men among the *Whiggs*, who are led away by *Education*, and kept among 'em by *Friendship* and *Conversation*. But when it comes to *Business*, these must either go on all the way, or be set aside with the *Moderat Church-Men*! Many Engag'd in the *Rebellion* against K. *Char.* 1st. who little thought what it wou'd come to. And *Started* when they saw it was *Level'd* Directly against the *King* himself, whereas they were made Believe at first, it was all meant for his *Preservation*, and to make him a *Glorious King*! But when they were in, how *Few* of 'em *Return'd*? Wou'd they *Quit* their *Share* of the *Prey*, who had *Fought* the *Battle*? It is a Dangerous thing to get within the *Circle* of *Rebellion*. There is *Witch-Craft* in it. He that go's upon the *Ice*, knows not how far he may *Slide*.

Country-m. The Case is *Bad* indeed! And if they had *Power* to go on, and *Purge* at this Rate, they wou'd soon *Purge* out the *Heart-Blood* of the *Church* and *Nation*!

(5.) But, *Master*, I hope the *Church* at Home will Reap some Benefit by our *Victories* Abroad. And if they are Succeeded by an Happy and Honourable *Peace*, the *Church* will then be so *Strong* as not to Fear all the *Malice* of her *Enemies*, who take this Time of *War* to *Insult* and *Trample* upon her.

Rehearf. That is our *Hope*, and their *Fear*. And tho' I believe they are Pleas'd with the Advantages gain'd against *France*, yet it *Grates* their very *Souls* to see it all done by *Church-Men*. And that their *Reputation* is Rais'd so *High*. I shew'd you before at large, at the Beginning of these *Rehearsals*, how they Treated the D. of *M.* even after the Great *Victory* at *Hochsted*, how they *Eugen'd* him, and *Lessen'd* him all that they Durst. And ever since, their *Malice* has Pursu'd him, as I have had occasion to make it Appear lately, by the Efforts of Mr. *Stephens* and others against him. And this wonderfull *Success* in *Brabant* has not *Abated*, but *Encreas'd* their *Rage* and *Spite* against him. It has indeed stopt their *Mouths*, that they dare not openly *Attack* him, as they did before; lest they shou'd shew themselves *Enemies* to the *Nation* and its *Welfare*. The *Observator* dares not now tell us of *Sine Clade Victor*, and *Rideing* in *Triumph* over his *Queen* in a *Medal*. Yet can he not Conceal the *Anguish* of his *Heart* to see the *Praises* of the D. of *M.* Sounded by others. In his of the 25. *May* last, *Vol.* 5. N. 20. he says, *I don't think the Duke of* Marleborough *will thank any one, for being his Praise Trumpeter, that's a Post for a Pedant and Sycophant, not for the Observator and his Country-man—'Tis our Business to Talk and Project for the Good of our Country, and not write to Please Persons and Parties, or Cry up particular Men, in order to Amuse the Crowd— You and I, Country-man, are not Descended from the Family of the Lick-Spittles—— Let others Burst with Honour, and sink under the Weight of Riches, we can Pity their Wealthy Calamity.*

Country-m. This is *Cincius Fulvius* again! He's the old Man still. I recommend to him now, at least to others, to read those *Observators* you have Mark'd in the *Advertisement* at the end of your *Num.* 94. And there see the *Picture* of this *Varlet* Drawn by Himself.

(6.) But a Man may see through others, at this time, as well as the *Observator*. A *Whigg* t' other Day in Company where they were *Magnifying* this Great *Victory* in *Brabant*, look'd as *Demure* as the End of a *Fiddle*, and putting on all his *Gravity*, said, Why truely the D. of *M.* has Good *Luck*. But there are 1000 Men in *England* cou'd have done the same thing! This was not to Please *Persons* or *Parties*, as Mr. *Observator* speaks, or, to Cry up *Particular* Men, to *Amuse* the *Crowd*! No. The *Crowd* must not think but that a *Whigg-General* and a *Whigg-Army* might have Done as well! They must not Forget old *Edge-Hill* and *Marston-Moor*, and what *Glorious* things the *Whiggs* have done! And wou'd Do again, if you wou'd *Trust* them! They hope yet to see some Body *Burst* with *Honour*, and *Sink* under the *Weight* of his *Riches*!

Rehearf. Whoever the *Observator* meant by this, you may conclude was no 3 *Descent-Man*. And let any other Conquer the *Indies*, they must *Purge* him out! He shall ne'r have their *Warm Heart*!

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